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Thursday, March 6, 1952

I called on the Papal Nuncio this morning to say goodbye to him. Afterwards, we had a smashing lunch with President and Madame Auriol. Before it, the President made a flattering speech and I replied in kind. Many former Prime Ministers were there, including Messrs. Faure, Pleven, René Mayer, Queuille, Paul Reynaud, with their wives -- also Jean and Sylvia Monnet and M. and Madame Paul Auriol. The Auriols gave us beautiful table decorations in the form of white Biscuit de Sèvres figures. This was most generous and thoughtful of them. The President said they wanted to give me some exalted rank in the Legion of Honor, but understood I could not accept it as long as I was in Government service.

Maurice Nègre came in this afternoon with Bill Tyler, and we had a long talk about the Agence France Presse situation.

I stopped for a final visit to M. Pernet, my antique dealing friend.

John Carter Vincent came to see me on Moroccan affairs.

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I got home too late for David and Sasha's postponed birthday party. They were [redacted] grubby, but happy, stuffing [redacted]ves with cakes.

Art Buchwald came to see us this evening for a farewell interview. His uproarious column in the Paris Herald-Tribune has become syndicated, and he is [redacted] happy about it.

To-day and yesterday, we continued discussions on the naming of a Secretary General for NATO. I have been telephoning back and forth to Washington and London, and seeing M. Schuman in regard to this. The French are still [redacted] insistent that this individual be an Englishman or a Canadian. The other countries are now in favor of Stikker. Aside from any personal feelings [redacted] they may have regarding Stikker, the French believe [redacted] the most important thing from their standpoint is to avoid any action or lack of it that would indicate British disinterest in continental affairs.

I heard to-night that the final decision would be

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put off until next week when it was expected the British would come up with a new candidate.

Jack McCloy called me this evening about the way things are going in Germany. He hopes to have the contractual arrangement finally settled within sixty days.

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